



Photo by: Colorado Department of Transportation.

I-70 was closed for 16.5 days due to severe mudslides.

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Congresswoman Lauren Boebert Introduces the I-70 Detour Act

Summary:

1. Requires DOT to study and recommend actions and future local alternatives to mitigate harm and prevent long-term closures of I-70.
2. Includes fast-track provisions that ensure alternatives and repairs are authorized and funded in a timely manner.

Benefits:

1. Drafted in conjunction with local stakeholders.
2. Ensures data-driven decisions are made.
3. Improves I-70 resilience and mitigates hazards.
4. Puts Congress on a deadline.

Closures of I-70 are extremely costly, with an economic impact estimated at \$1 million per hour.

Source: CDOT

“We simply cannot afford to wait for the next disruption to occur. Something has to be done.”

– Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce, President and CEO,
Diane Schwenke

“For years I’ve called for a viable alternative route to I-70’s Glenwood Canyon, so I enthusiastically support Congresswoman Boebert’s bill... As the son of a truck driver, I can tell you, [this] bill is essential...”

– Colorado State Rep. Matt Soper

“Interstate 70 is the major commercial artery not only for supplying the Western Slope, but also interstate shipments. It quite literally is our business lifeline for supplies on all levels.”

– Wine Country Inn, General Manager &
Controller, Ian Kelley

“We appreciate and support the Congresswoman’s bill that focuses much needed attention on this important local, regional, and national issue.”

– Garfield County, Commissioner, Tom Jankovsky

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CONGRESSIONAL SURVEY

Help me make sure your voice is heard!

Does action need to be taken to help prevent I-70 through Glenwood Springs from experiencing significant closures?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unsure

Do you have any alternate recommendations?

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SECURING THE I-70 CORRIDOR



Boebert Surveys the Mudslide Damage that Closed I-70



Shortly after a mudslide closed I-70, Congresswoman Boebert was **one of the first officials on the scene**. She joined Glenwood Springs Mayor Jonathan Godes, Garfield County Commissioner Tom Jankovsky, Colorado State Representative Janice Rich, and Colorado State Senator Ray Scott in surveying the damage.

Boebert and Colorado Delegation Led Bipartisan, Bicameral Effort to Reopen I-70

"I worked hard in conjunction with federal, state, and local government agencies to **reopen I-70 following the catastrophic mudslides earlier this year**. I am proud that we have the support of Colorado's entire bipartisan and bicameral delegation in seeking federal support to repair this federal interstate and get Colorado's main east-west transportation corridor opened as quickly as possible," said Congresswoman Boebert.



Boebert Helps Secure \$11.6 Million in Initial Emergency Relief to Re-Open I-70

Congresswoman Boebert led the Colorado federal delegation in getting I-70 repaired and reopened following last year's catastrophic mudslides. **Colorado received \$11.6 million in initial emergency relief and has since continued to receive tens of millions of dollars in federal resources to fully repair and reopen I-70.**

Source: CDOT

"Thank you for being flexible... I was really impressed that Congresswoman Boebert went around and thanked every worker at the site. We appreciate everything she's doing!"

— Liaison for CDOT and Governor Polis